4. Government agree with the Revenue Commissioner that the note (5) printed on the last page of the Patta form, may be omitted to enable the poorer classes to use the book for several years, that the book need not be supplied, free of cost, and that the larger sized book may be supplied with a cloth cover to those who require it, and its price then raised. As regards the Revenue Commissioner's suggestion for the discontinuance of the smaller sized book (priced nine pies), Government, consider that as all Patta forms have to be paid for, it is not desirable to abolish the lower priced form.

5. Government are accordingly pleased to direct, in modification of their order of 31st May 1922 read above, that the note (5) on the last page of the form be omitted in future, and that the book now priced at one anna, be printed and supplied in future, with 32 pages, neatly bound in long cloth, and priced at four annas per copy. The smaller Patta Book, (priced nine pies), will be continued for the use of those who desire a cheaper form.

6. The Superintendent, Government Printing, is requested to have the books printed accordingly, and supply them on future indents. The one anna forms that are in stock in various offices and with the Superintendent may also be sold till the stock is exhausted and need not be reprinted.

7. The Revenue Commissioner is requested to communicate the above orders of Government to the Representative Assembly Members who brought the subject.

P. G. D'SOUZA,
Chief Secretary to Government.

GENERAL SECRETARIAT.

Assistant Surgeons and Sub-Assistant Surgeons.

READ—

Government Order No. G. 679-80—Medl. 69-16-4, dated the 13th July 1918, passing orders on the reorganization of the Medical Department and fixing therein the minimum pay of Sub-Assistant Surgeons at Rs. 35 and that of Assistant Surgeons, Second Grade, at Rs. 120 per mensem.

2. Government Order No. G. 19965-6—Medl. 114-17-4, dated the 7th March 1919, directing that the minimum pay of Sub-Assistant Surgeons be raised from Rs. 35 to Rs. 45 per mensem.

3. Government Order No. Fl. 6-55—S. & A. 5-21-11, dated 9th October 1921, sanctioning additions to pay, in the case of certain class of Government servants, in lieu of high price allowances.

4. Letter No. G. C. 245, dated the 30th January 1926, from the Senior Surgeon in Mysore, submitting proposals for the revision of the scale of pay of Sub-Assistant Surgeons.

5. Letter No. G. C. 246, dated the 30th January 1926, from the same officer, submitting proposals for the revision of the scale of pay of Surgeons and Assistant Surgeons.

6. Correspondence ending with letter No. G. C. 246-5, dated the 19th July 1926, from the Senior Surgeon on the same subject.

ORDER No. G. 3645-6—MED. 101-25-11, DATED 5TH OCTOBER 1926.

The question of revising the scale of the pay of Sub-Assistant Surgeons and of Assistant Surgeons has been under the consideration of Government from some time past.

2. Government are pleased to direct that the scale of pay of Sub-Assistant Surgeons be revised as follows:—

First class———	6	Sub-Assistant Surgeons on	Rs. 125-5-150
Second class———	18	,, ,, ,,	,, 100-5-125
Third class———	191	,, ,, ,,	,, 50-5-100

3. There will be two promotion examinations, one before promotion to pay of Rs. 75 falls due, and another for promotion to the higher grade on Rs. 100-5-125. Promotion to the class on Rs. 125-5-150 will depend on proved merit and capacity, the selection being restricted to those who have reached the maximum pay of Rs. 125 in the lower class on Rs. 100-5-125.

4. The proposal of the Senior Surgeon not to fill up any of the six places in the class on Rs. 125-5-150, until the officials who find a place in the class on Rs. 100-5-125 in the re-allocation shall have reached the pay of Rs. 125 and drawn that pay for at least a year, is approved.

5. The revision will come into effect from the date of this order. The Senior Surgeon is requested to submit proposals regarding the allocation of the Sub-Assistant Surgeons. As proposed by the Senior Surgeon, Sub-Assistant Surgeons who have passed one or more grade examinations may be given the benefit of having passed such examinations in the allocation proposals.

6. As regards Assistant Surgeons, Government are pleased to direct that the initial pay of Assistant Surgeons, Second Grade, be raised from Rs. 120 to Rs. 150 per mensem, and the pay of such of those officers as are now drawing less than this minimum be raised to Rs. 150 from the date of this revision.

R. RANGA RAO,
General Secretary to Government.

Covenant.

READ—

1. Government Order No. 13139-40—Med. 250-12-7, dated the 27th June 1914 issuing rules regarding the grant of scholarships to medical pupils undergoing training as Sub-Assistant Surgeons.

2. Government Order No. G. 160-1—Med. 65-18-10, dated the 3rd July 1919, as modified by Government Order No. L. 6084-90—Med. 68-21-19, dated the 20th April 1922, prescribing the form of covenant to be entered into by Medical pupils holding scholarships, etc., from Government.

3. Letter No. A. Dis. 7, July, 1926, from the Senior Surgeon in Mysore, submitting proposals for modifying the rules and the covenant relating to the training and the employment of Sub-Assistant Surgeons.

ORDER No. G. 3655-7—MED., DATED 8TH OCTOBER 1926.

Under the rules for the grant of scholarships to medical pupils undergoing training as Sub-Assistant Surgeons and the form of agreement into which such students should enter, they are required after they complete their course of study and pass their final examination, to enter the service of Government if and when they are offered an appointment either as passed Medical Pupils or as Sub-Assistant Surgeons as the case may be, and if for any reason they do not accept the offer of appointment, they should refund to Government the amount of the scholarship given to them. But no time limit has been fixed within which the offer of employment should be made to these candidates. As there has so far been a demand for nearly all the stipendiary medical pupils of the Medical School, no student has had to wait for a long period before being taken into the service. This is no longer the case and the Senior Surgeon brings to notice that the number of persons qualified as L. M. P.'s is now far in excess of the needs of the Department and that if the rules are enforced, most of the scholarship holders will have to keep on waiting long for a chance of entering into the State Service. Government, therefore, consider that in the interests of the candidates, the rules should be modified, and are accordingly pleased to direct that the rules and the form of covenant be changed so that a scholarship holder who has qualified as L. M. P. need not wait longer than a period of six months after he has so qualified himself for appointment in the State Service. If no appointment is offered to him, before the expiry of this period, he will be under no obligation to serve the State.

The Senior Surgeon is requested to make the necessary changes in the rules and form of Agreement to be entered into by the candidates, and submit them for the approval of Government.

Vacancies in the grade of Sub-Assistant Surgeons or Passed Medical Pupils are being now advertised in the *Mysore Gazette* through the Central Recruitment Board in accordance with Government Order N. G. 8025-7—Med. 64-25-25, dated the 3rd April 1926. L. M. P.'s who were scholarship holders and who at the time of such advertisement have not completed six months of waiting and are therefore under a contract to take up service, if it is offered, will all be considered as applicants for such vacancies. Those also who have passed the period of six months may also apply for the vacancies so advertised, if they wish to join service.

R. RANGA RAO,
General Secretary to Government.